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practice is contemplated. The property statement of the society is not the only factor taken into consideration before the financing bank grants a loan to a society. The general working of the society, its management, its past history and the repaying capacity of borrowers are all taken into consideration before loans are granted.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—" May I remind the Hon. Minister that what was in my mind when I put the question was that a circular was issued by the Registrar in 1928 or so that all debts inclusive of interest due up to date must be shown? May I ask whether it is ignored in actual practice or whether any steps are taken to enforce that circular? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" I am not aware of it; as my hon. Friend has now brought it to my notice, I am prepared to look into the matter."

Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar :—" May I know whether any steps are taken every year to check the solvency of persons, with reference to the statement furnished? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" Every year the statement is revised."

Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar :—" May I ask whether it is carried out in practice or whether it merely exists on paper? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" I do not think it is not done in the proper way. Every year the officer concerned revises the statement."

Veterinary

Cattle mortality in North Arcot due to rinderpest and other diseases.

* 730 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of cattle destroyed by rinderpest and other diseases in the North Arcot district every year during the last five years?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Appendix I of the Annual Administration Report of the Madras Civil Veterinary department for the last five years.

Education

Principles governing the allotment of grants to district boards for the construction of secondary school buildings.

* 731 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the conditions are under which local bodies are allowed grants for the construction of secondary school buildings;

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(b) what the amounts are of grants for secondary school buildings paid to each district board in each year for the past five years ending 1934–35;

(c) what the amounts applied for by each district board for such purpose in each year for the past five years are; and

(d) on what principles these distributions are made?

A.—(a) The conditions imposed are—

(1) that the school in respect of which a building grant is applied for was in existence on 12th June 1930, the date on which orders were issued by Government determining the policy to be followed in respect of subsidies to local bodies for secondary schools;

(2) that the necessity for the building is admitted by the Education department;

(3) that detailed proposals with plans and estimates are forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction and reach Government after scrutiny by the Consulting Architect before October 1st in each year;

(4) that the subsidy from Government does not exceed one-half of the cost;

(5) that the building is constructed and subsidy claimed before the end of the third financial year beginning with that in which the subsidy is promised; and

(6) that necessary funds are available with Government.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 472 on 6th November 1935.

(c) The information asked for is not readily available.

(d) Payment of subsidies is sanctioned in respect of sanctioned schemes with reference to the actual expenditure incurred on them from time to time, the actual amount being restricted to one-half of the expenditure incurred.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" With reference to answer (c), may I ask the Hon. Minister to get the information? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think any useful purpose is going to be served by getting the information."

Working of the Provident Fund Scheme in aided institutions.

* 732 Q.—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether school teachers in aided institutions have the benefit of provident fund scheme in all schools (secondary as well as lower), whether managed by local boards, municipalities or private agency;